

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A female condom for deployment in a vagina of a female for use during sexual intercourse, comprising:

a pouch having a closed end and an open end, said pouch being constructed to reside in a contracted configuration when said condom is deployed in ~~a~~the vagina, said pouch further being able to resiliently extend longitudinally from said contracted configuration to an elongated configuration when a penis is inserted into said condom, and said pouch including a longitudinal biasing means for returning said pouch to said contracted configuration following removal of the penis, said contracted configuration serving to bias said open end of said pouch toward the anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina for retaining the condom within the vagina.

2. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~according to claim 1,
_____ wherein, in said contracted configuration, said pouch is the average length of a normal vaginal canal, and in said elongated configuration, said pouch is able configured to repeatedly elastically extend to the length of the vaginal canal, as

extended during ~~by~~ insertion of the penis during intercourse, and then spring back toward said contracted configuration during withdrawal of the penis.

3. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 1, further including _____a frame connected to said open end of said pouch, said frame being generally triangular in shape, said contracted configuration providing an effect of biasing said frame into toward the anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina for maintaining the frame in contact with the anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina.

4. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 1, further including _____a retainer located near said closed end of said pouch for retaining the condom in ~~a~~ the vagina.

5. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 4, _____wherein said retainer is a sponge retained within a sponge cavity, said sponge having a longitudinal thickness of more than one half inch, said sponge being contacted by a head of the penis during intercourse, such that an amount of compression of the sponge reduces an amount of extension of the pouch required for receiving the penis into the pouch.

6. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 1,
_____ wherein said pouch is formed of a highly-resilient material as the longitudinal
biasing means for biasing said pouch into said contracted configuration, said highly
resilient material enabling said pouch to repeatedly elastically extend to said
extended configuration and retract to said retracted configuration by elastic
stretching and contraction of the pouch during sexual intercourse.

9. (Currently Amended) A female condom for deployment in a vagina for use during
sexual intercourse, said condom comprising:

a frame for contacting the female anatomy external to the vagina;

a pouch connected to said frame, said pouch having an open end and a
closed end, said open end being connected to said frame and being disposed to
receive a penis into the interior of said pouch when said pouch is deployed in the
vagina; and

a retainer disposed at the closed end of said pouch for retaining said pouch
within the vagina,

_____ wherein said pouch includes a biasing means for retaining said pouch in a is
longitudinally biased into a contracted configuration following deployment of said
condom in the vagina, said contracted configuration biasing said frame into contact
with the female anatomy surrounding the vagina,

wherein ~~the structure of~~ said pouch is constructed of a highly elastic material having a structure that allows said pouch to elastically extend longitudinally to an extended configuration caused by insertion of the penis into the pouch during sexual intercourse, and

wherein said highly elastic material exerts a contractive longitudinal bias for returning said pouch toward said longitudinally contracted configuration during each withdrawal of the penis during sexual intercourse.

10. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 9,
_____ wherein said frame is contoured concavely on the side that contacts the female anatomy surrounding the vagina.

13. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 12,
_____ wherein said frame is formed of a resilient material that exerts an additional spring bias on said pouch.

14. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 9,
_____ wherein said retainer is a ~~circular~~ cylindrical sponge having a thickness of more than one half inch thick in the longitudinal direction, said sponge being

contacted by a head of the penis during intercourse, such that an amount of compression of the sponge reduces an amount of extension of the pouch required for receiving the penis into the pouch.

15. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 9,

wherein said contracted configuration of said pouch is less than three inches from the open end to the closed end,

wherein said pouch is configured to extend to more than five inches due to insertion of the penis during sexual intercourse to reach said elongated configuration,
and

wherein said elastic material of said pouch causes said pouch to retract back toward the contracted configuration of less three inches during withdrawal of the penis,

wherein, during sexual intercourse, the pouch extends during each insertion of the penis and contracts back toward the contracted configuration during each withdrawal of the penis ~~wherein said pouch is formed of a highly elastic material serving as said longitudinal biasing means which exerts said contractive longitudinal bias.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A female condom for providing prophylactic protection to a female during sexual intercourse by deployment in a vagina of the female, said condom comprising:

a pouch having an open end, a closed end and a tubular body extending longitudinally between said open end and said closed end, said tubular body having a wall with an interior and an exterior;

a frame for attachment to said open end, said frame supporting said open end to provide an opening into the interior of said tubular body for receiving a penis during sexual intercourse when said condom is deployed in the vagina; and

a retainer located near said closed end of said pouch for retaining said closed end in the vagina when the condom is deployed in the vagina,

wherein said pouch is formed of a highly elastic material configured to elastically bias said pouch into a contracted configuration,

said pouch being configured to maintain said contracted configuration when inserted into the vagina,

said contracted configuration aiding in maintaining said frame in contact with anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina,

said pouch further being configured to elastically extend to an extended configuration upon insertion of the penis during sexual intercourse and elastically contract back toward the contracted configuration upon each withdrawal of the

~~penis~~includes means for elastically biasing said pouch into a contracted configuration.

17. (Currently Amended) The condom of according to claim 16,
_____ wherein said retainer is a sponge positioned within said pouch so as to be
directly contacted by the penis of a male during sexual intercourse, whereby said
pouch is elongated by such contact and said sponge is compressed by said contact,
such that an amount of compression of the sponge reduces an amount of extension
of the pouch required for receiving the penis into the pouch.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The condom of according to claim 16,
_____ wherein said contracted configuration of said pouch is less than three inches
from the open end to the closed end,
_____ wherein said pouch is configured to extend to more than five inches through
insertion of the penis during intercourse to reach said extended configuration, and
_____ wherein elastic bias of said pouch causes said pouch to spring back toward
the contracted configuration of less three inches during withdrawal of the
~~penis~~wherein said pouch is formed of a highly elastic material serving as said means
for elastically biasing said pouch into said contracted configuration, said pouch being

~~configured to maintain said contracted configuration when inserted into the vagina,
said pouch further being configured to extend to an extended configuration upon
insertion of a penis and contract back to the contracted configuration upon
withdrawal of the penis.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~according to~~ of claim 16,
_____ wherein, in said contracted configuration, said pouch is the average length of
a normal vaginal canal, and in said extended configuration, said pouch is configured
to repeatedly extend to the full length of the vaginal canal when the vagina is
extended ~~during~~ by insertion of the penis during intercourse, and then return toward
the contracted configuration during withdrawal of the penis.

21. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 16,
_____ wherein said frame is contoured in a manner such that a concave portion of
said frame contacts the anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina when the
condom is deployed in the vagina.

22. - 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A condom for deployment in a vagina of a female, said
condom comprising:

_____ a frame;

_____ a pouch having an open end connected to the frame for receiving a penis during sexual intercourse and a closed end, with a tubular body formed longitudinally therebetween the open end and the closed end,

_____ said pouch being constructed with a highly elastic wall so as to reside in a contracted configuration when said condom is deployed in a the vagina, said contracted configuration biasing said frame toward contact with anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina,

_____ said pouch further being constructed to resiliently extend longitudinally from said contracted configuration to an elongated configuration when a the penis is inserted into said condom during sexual intercourse, and then elastically retract back toward the contracted configuration during each withdrawal of the penis; and

_____ a sponge retained at the closed end of said pouch, said sponge being positioned to contact the a head of a the penis inserted into said condom during sexual intercourse, whereby the combination of the resiliency of the pouch wall and compression of the sponge enable extension and contraction of the condom with insertion and withdrawal, respectively, of the penis, respectively during sexual intercourse, such that an amount of compression of the sponge reduces an amount of extension of the pouch required for accommodating the penis into the pouch.

26. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 25,
_____ wherein said sponge includes an insertion opening formed therein for
receiving a finger of a user to facilitate insertion of said condom into the vagina.

27. (Currently Amended) The condom according to ~~of~~ claim 25,
_____ wherein said sponge is over one half of an inch thick in the longitudinal
direction.

28. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 27,
_____ wherein said sponge is over two inches thick in the longitudinal direction, and
_____ wherein said sponge is compressed longitudinally by the penis during
insertion of the penis into said pouch, and returns to an expanded configuration upon
withdrawal of the penis.

29. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 25,
_____ wherein said sponge has a circular body with a pair of opposed notches
formed in said circular body for enabling said sponge to be more easily folded during
insertion into the vagina.

30. (Currently Amended) The condom of ~~ef~~ according to claim 25,
_____ wherein, in said contracted configuration, said pouch is the average length of
a normal vaginal canal, and in said elongated configuration, said pouch is able
configured to repeatedly extend to the full length of the vagina, as extended by
~~during~~ insertion of the penis during sexual intercourse, and return toward the
contracted configuration each time the penis is repeatedly withdrawn during
intercourse.

31. (Currently Amended) A condom for deployment in a vagina of a female, said
condom comprising:

a pouch attached to a frame, said pouch having an open end for receiving a
penis during sexual intercourse and a closed end, with a tubular body formed
longitudinally ~~therebetween~~ the open end and the closed end,
_____ said pouch being constructed with a highly elastic wall forming said tubular
body, so as to reside in a contracted configuration when said condom is deployed in
the vagina,

_____ said contracted configuration aiding in maintaining said frame in contact with
anatomy of the female surrounding the vagina,

_____ said pouch further being constructed to resiliently extend longitudinally from
said contracted configuration to an elongated configuration when a penis is inserted

into said condom and elastically spring back toward said contracted configuration upon withdrawal of the penis,

wherein, during use in sexual intercourse, the pouch is configured to elastically extend to the elongated configuration during each insertion of the penis and elastically spring back toward the contracted configuration following each withdrawal of the penis, and

wherein, in said contracted configuration, said pouch is the an average length of a normal vaginal canal, and in said elongated configuration, said pouch is able configured to repeatedly extend up to the length of the vaginal canal, as extended during by insertion of the penis during intercourse, and then spring back toward the contracted configuration during withdrawal of the penis.

32. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of according to claim 31, further including a frame for attachment to said open end, said frame supporting said open end to provide an opening into said pouch,~~

wherein said frame is formed of a resilient material that exerts a spring bias to resiliently urge said frame to a concave configuration,

wherein said frame is contoured concavely on a side that contacts the female anatomy surrounding the vagina,

whereby when said pouch is deployed in the vagina, said spring bias of said frame reduces at least a portion of any slack in said pouch.

33. (Currently Amended) The condom ~~of~~ according to claim 31 further including _____ a sponge retained at the closed end of said pouch, said sponge being positioned to contact a head of a penis inserted into said condom during sexual intercourse,

wherein a combination of the resiliency of the pouch wall and compression of the sponge enable ~~extension of the condom upon~~ insertion of the penis, such that an amount of compression of the sponge reduces an amount of extension of the pouch required for receiving the penis during sexual intercourse, and

wherein upon withdrawal of the penis the pouch returns to the contracted configuration and the sponge returns to an expanded configuration.

34. (New) The condom according to claim 1,

wherein said contracted configuration of said pouch is less than three inches from the open end to the closed end,

wherein said pouch is configured to extend to more than five inches due to insertion of the penis during intercourse to reach said elongated configuration, and

wherein said biasing means of said pouch causes said pouch to retract back toward the contracted configuration of less three inches during withdrawal of the penis.

35. (New) The condom according to claim 25,

wherein said contracted configuration of said pouch is less than three inches from the open end to the closed end,

wherein said pouch is configured to extend to more than five inches through insertion of the penis during intercourse to reach said elongated configuration, and

wherein elastic bias of said pouch causes said pouch to spring back toward the contracted configuration of less three inches during withdrawal of the penis